

## **BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENT (BSR).**

You have many options for meeting the Basic Skills Requirement. These options are explained below.

1. Pass the [California Basic Educational Skills Test](#) (CBEST) OR
2. Pass the [CSET: Multiple Subjects](#) Exam plus [CSET: Writing Skills Test](#) OR

If you have not met the Basic Skills Requirement through either of the methods listed above, you can meet this requirement through any of the methods explained below. You must meet EACH of the three Basic Skills areas: Mathematics, Reading, and Writing.

### **1. Basic Skills Requirement: Mathematics**

- a. Pass a GE Area B4 course (Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning) with a grade of B- or better OR any university-level course in algebra, geometry, mathematics, quantitative reasoning, or statistics with a grade of B- or better, OR
- b. Pass the CBEST math subtest with a score of 41 or better, OR
- c. Score of at least 550 (before March 2016) or 570 (after March 2016) on SAT Mathematics Examination, OR
- d. Score of 23 or higher on ACT Mathematics Examination, OR
- e. Score of 3 or higher on AP Calculus AB or BC, or AP Statistics exam, OR
- f. Pass the CSU Early Assessment Program (mathematics section) with a score of "College Ready" or "Exempt", OR
- g. Pass the CSU Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) Placement Examination with a score of 50 or above, OR
- h. Pass a Basic Skills examination in another state

### **2. Basic Skills Requirement: Reading**

- a. Pass a GE Area A3 course (Critical Thinking) with a grade of B- or better, OR
- b. Pass a course in critical thinking, literature, philosophy, reading, rhetoric, or textual analysis with grade of B- or better, OR
- c. Pass the CBEST reading subtest with a score of 41 or better, OR
- d. Score of at least 500 on SAT Critical Reading (or Verbal) Examination, OR
- e. Score of 22 or higher on ACT English Examination, OR
- f. Score of 3 or higher on AP English Language and Composition or AP English Literature and Composition examination, OR
- g. Pass the CSU Early Assessment Program (English section) with a score of "College Ready" or "Exempt", OR
- h. Pass the CSU English Placement Test (EPT) with a score of 151 or above, OR
- i. Pass a Basic Skills examination in another state

### **3. Basic Skills Requirement: Writing**

- a. Pass a composition course with a grade of B- or better, OR
- b. Pass an upper division Writing Intensive course, with a grade of B- or better, OR
- c. Pass the CBEST writing subtest with a score of 41 or better, OR
- d. Score of at least 500 on SAT Critical Reading (or Verbal) Examination, OR
- e. Score of 22 or higher on ACT English Examination, OR
- f. Score of 3 or higher on AP English Language and Composition or AP English Literature and Composition examination, OR

- g. Pass the CSU Early Assessment Program (English section) with a score of “College Ready” or “Exempt”, OR
- h. Pass the CSU English Placement Test (EPT) with a score of 151 or above, OR
- i. Pass a Basic Skills examination in another state

If you would like a College of Education advisor to determine whether you have met the Basic Skills Requirement, you can complete the [Qualtrics survey at this link](#). You will be asked to describe how you believe you have met each of the three areas listed above - mathematics, reading, and writing. The advisor will evaluate your transcripts and score reports based on the responses you provide in the survey. A signed **BSR Verification Form** will be emailed to you by an advisor if you have met the BSR requirement. If you have not met the requirement, you will receive an explanation of how that determination was made.